

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: ONTARIO PREMIER PLANNING FEBRUARY VISIT TO QUEBEC

REF: (A) TORONTO 2160; (B) TORONTO 2380

1. THE TORONTO STAR CARRIED THE FOLLOWING NEWS REPORT IN ITS  
JANUARY 7 EDITION:

QUOTE - DAVIS LIKELY TO SEE LEVESQUE  
ONTARIO PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS IS PLANNING AT LEAST ONE TRIP  
TO QUEBEC NEXT MONTH AND IS LIKELY TO MEET WITH PREMIER RENE  
LEVESQUE.

AIRES SAID YESTERDAY DAVIS IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO ATTEND  
THE WINTER CARNIVAL IN QUEBEC CITY AS A GUEST OF HONOR, HE IS  
ALSO CONSIDERING AN INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE CANADIAN CLUB OF  
MONTREAL FEB 21. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE PROVINCIAL LIBERAL LEADER SMITH HAS BEEN  
URGING DAVIS TO GO TO QUEBEC AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A DAVIS  
SPEECH IS IN LINE WITH THE TORONTO STAR'S RECOMMENDATION OF  
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DECEMBER 22 (BOTH POINTS COVERED REF B), WE BELIEVE DAVIS'  
APPEARANCES IN QUEBEC WILL BE MORE IN LINE WITH THE LOW KEY  
APPROACH DAVIS HAS TAKEN THUS FAR, WHICH THE JANUARY 10  
MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE, IN AN ARTICLE ON THE PROBABILITY OF 1977  
PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS, REFERRED TO AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE PREMIER  
TO "STRIKE THE SAME STATESMANLIKE STANCE OF HIS PREDECESSOR, JOHN  
ROBERTS," WHO "PROJECTED A KIND OF BENIGN, MAJESTICAL CALM

AT FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCES." WE HAVE NO DOUBTH THAT  
DAVIS WILL BE HAPPY TO STIFLE LIBERAL CRITICISM AND ACCOMMODATE  
THE PONDEROUS PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE TORONTO STAR. HOWEVER, WE  
BELIEVE DAVIS SEES MORE VALUE IN BUILDING BRIDGES "OF TRUST  
AND COOPERATION" (SEE REF A) THAN IN THE EMOTIONAL APPROACH  
SUGGESTED BY LIBERAL LEADER SMITH.  
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